Service tax target for Karnataka

1422. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the service tax target fixed for 2004-05 for Karnataka;

(b) what were the actual collections by the end of January 2005 in Karnataka;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that all service providers are covered under the service tax net in Karnataka;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that service tax will remain a major source of income for Government;

(e) whether Government of Karnataka has sought releasing of service tax collected in Karnataka; and

(f) if so, the amount of service tax proposed to be given to Karnataka during 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Rs. 1003 Crores.

(b) Rs. 625.49 Crores.

(c) The government has made *vide* publicity of the provisions of the law, undertaken street to street survey and organized meeting/interactive sessions with the trade associations and chambers to educate the service providers about their liabilities. Registration camps and melas have been organized to facilitate the smooth registration of the service providers.

(d) Yes Sir. Service Tax has huge revenue potential.

(e) No such proposal has been received.

(f) Nil.

Problems faced by pensioners in Uttaranchal

1423. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the pensioner's of Uttaranchal have been getting their pensionary benefit from the Nationalised Banks located in different regions of the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there have been many complaints that pensioners are not paid the amount they need in emergencies despite the